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1. Upon arrival in Klaipeda harbor, [] ship was boarded by a party of 12, which included an officer, a woman doctor, an INFLOT representative, and some soldiers. The crew's discharge books were inspected by the officer, and the crew was given a perfunctory physical examination by the doctor. The ship was searched superficially; drawers and lockers in the crew's quarters were opened but nothing was removed. Magazines and newspapers were untouched. During the inspection, a sentry with a submachine gun was posted at the gangway. 25X1
2. The coaling pier in Klaipeda was separated from the water by a steel sheet piling. Its surface was paved, and a track for cranes ran parallel to the front of the pier. The cranes were of the gantry variety, driven either by electric motors or internal combustion engines, and had very long non-adjustable jibs. They had a lifting capacity ranging from eight to ten tons. A total of 16 cranes of similar type was observed on the pier. Railroad tracks, some of which were covered with coal heaps, passed at the rear of the cranes. Tracks for coal cars ran behind the coal heaps. No cars were seen. A few small wooden barracks were observed near the ship's berth. 25X1
3. A ship took on 1,160 tons of coal with the aid of two cranes within four hours. Six trimmers were aboard to trim the ship during loading operations. These men, between 25 and 35 years of age, wore overalls and badly damaged footwear. Two Soviet steamers, of about 6,000 tons and 9,000 tons, respectively, were seen taking on mixed cargo with their own loading gear at a berth upstream from the coaling pier. The cargo included large cases and iron bars, possibly railroad tracks. 25X1
5. The clearing party of 12 came aboard immediately after loading operations had been completed. Clearing formalities took about an hour. Radio equipment was unsealed, and the binoculars belonging to the ship's inventory were handed back to the shipmaster. The members of the clearing party were kind and obliging.

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